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Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-captioned application, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be entered:

In The Claims:

Please add new claims 54-57 as follows:

4/154. A system for central management, storage and report generation of remotely captured paper transactions from checks comprising:

one or more remote data access subsystems for capturing and sending paper transaction data and verifying transaction data from the checks comprising at least one imaging subsystem for capturing the checks and at least one data access controller for managing the capturing and sending of the transaction data;

at least one central data processing subsystem for processing, sending, verifying and storing the paper transaction data and the subsystem identification information comprising a management subsystem for managing the processing, sending and storing of the transaction data; and

at least one communication network for the transmission of the transaction data within and between said one or more data access subsystems and said at least